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**REVISED INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended of a telephonic conversation held on August 14, 2003 between Mr. Jeffrey Klayman, Examiner To, and Primary Examiner Corrielus during which was discussed Applicant's response of June 13, 2003 and the Bacon reference addressed therein. Mr. Klayman explained how the present invention as claimed differs from Bacon and the other prior art of record. The Examiners expressed an opinion that ghost locks are similar to temporary locks as known in the art, and suggested that the claims be amended to further distinguish over temporary locks, for example, by specifying how ghost locks are used. Therefore, Applicant hereby submits the following proposed amendment:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.